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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: IDENTITY A

1. This morning a call came through on the sterile phone from a man who identified himself as "BARNABY". I went to the phone and told him that the person he wished to speak to was away. He said he knew that and asked me if I was [] I told him that I was and he then told me that he was BARNABY. I then realized who he was as his voice was very similar to that of []

2. He told me that he had had a meeting yesterday with the individual; that the meeting had not lasted very long as the other man had been called away so it was too early yet to tell whether he had bitten on the bait which had been tossed in the pond. BARNABY added that the individual had appeared to be playing coy. He expected to have another meeting soon and would report the results as soon as they were available. I told him it was possible that I might be up in New York on next Monday or Tuesday and he said it would be a good idea for me to check in with him if I came up as he wanted to give me some stuff. BARNABY asked me if I could check up on an individual for him and I said I would be glad to. I called him back on another line at Plaza 1-2157 and he gave me the name of Dr. Stephen (Istvan) RATH, a medical doctor, aged about 51, who came to the U.S. in 1947. He is married and has one daughter. His home address is in Brookville, Long Island and his office address is 270 Park Avenue, New York. He is a financial backer of Albert SZENTGYORGYI, the Nobel Prize winner and is not to be confused with another man who has exactly the same name who is the son-in-law of a "wealthy man of the same nationality" (presumably Hungarian).

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